

STRIKE CALLED OFF

Representatives of Morrissey and Michel Sign the Agreement, but two Agitators Hold Fernie out. Notices to Start Work Will be Posted To-day.

Fernie, March 30.—The strike is declared off by the Western Federation. The agreement is signed by Dougherty, president of District No. 3, and by Philip Christopher, president of District No. 7, also by the representatives of the district executive from both Morrissey and Michel, Fernie being held out by three agitators. Notices of work will be posted in all mines tomorrow and work resumed April 1.

THE AGREEMENT.
Now this agreement, witnesseth that, for and in consideration of the several schedules attached hereto and made a part hereof, viz., schedules A, B, and C, and for the further consideration of the following articles, viz:

Article 1. That the company shall pay the sum of three dollars per day for all miners taken from piece working places, if taken from the face to do company work.

Article 2. That the term of the agreement shall be for a period of three years, from April 1, 1903, to April 1, 1906, provided that always on or after

rate of 60 cents is unchanged. The yardage in levels, parallels and crosscuts in No. 1 has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.10; in No. 2 from \$2.50 to \$1.50, and No. 3 from \$2.50 to \$2; while the room crosscuts in all three remain at the old rate of 50 cents per lineal yard.

Michel rate.—In Nos. 3, 4 and 8 mine the old mining rate of 55 cents per ton is maintained, while in No. 5 mine the old rate is increased from 55 to 60 cents. The yardage rate is maintained on yardage with the exception of a reduction from \$2.40 to \$2 per yard on crosscuts between levels in No. 3 mine.

The yardage in levels and parallels is raised from \$1.40 to \$1.75, and the crosscut rate between levels is increased from \$1 to \$1.75. All other yardage rates remain unchanged.

Morrissey rates.—The mining rate of No. 1 mine has been reduced from \$2 to \$1.50 a ton, the old rate of 40 cents being raised to 50 cents, while 3, 4 and 5 are offered the old rate of 55 cents. The yardage rate in levels and parallels in No. 1 mine has been reduced from \$2 to \$1, in No. 2 mine from \$2 to \$1.50,

Town Talk of Vancouver

Malcontents Attempt to get Rid of Police Magistrate Without Success.

Sunday Morning Sneak Thief Makes Another Successful Tour.

Teamsters' Strike all but Settled—Other Strikes in View.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 30.—A motion to reduce the police magistrate's salary to \$250 a year was brought up in the City Council tonight, but only received the support of the mayor and second, Ald. McPherson and Morton.

Twenty-five teamsters arrived from Montreal tonight. Most of them refused to work when they were told there was a strike.

The provincial voters' list was closed today. It contains 7,066 names, an ad-

As it would end happily after all. After spending two nights in the city lock-up, she asked to be taken to the home, and those in charge said that she is most tractable and is already pleased with her surroundings and anxious to leave. The Salvation Army Home is doing much good in the city, having brought back the sunshine and hope into several young lives. The home, however, is very inadequately provided for financially, and a strong plea is being made for a certain sum of money to be provided annually by the city for the keep of the poor waifs who find shelter there.

Mr. Ward de Beck, Indian agent for the Kwantlen district, states that the Indians of his district who congregated at Alert Bay all winter, are now preparing to pursue various vocations, chief among them, the occupation of netting the city collection.

Two thousand cigarettes, filling two boxes such as are sold to the retail trade, were consumed on Sunday in one pool room in the city, which was running full blast all day, and still a tobaccoist who makes his living by selling tobacco, is arrested if he sells a cigarette on Sunday. This statement was made by the tobaccoist, Mr. H. G. Moore, who called at the Ledger office to register an objection against what he alleges is discrimination by the city authorities in favor of drug stores, restaurants and pool rooms, at the expense of the tobaccoists of the city.

Mr. Moore says that the police inform him that while they have instructions to issue a summons against any tobaccoist detected in selling tobacco on Sunday, they have no such instructions regarding drug stores, restaurants and pool rooms; consequently they cannot act.

The fiend with the diamond ring and

Quiet Day In Ottawa House

City Post Office Employees Ask Smaller Footing to Inside Service

Governor Refuses Information as to Imperial Army Purchases.

Redistribution Promised For Today—Further Particulars of Bills.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 30.—A deputation of Post Office employees saw Hon. Mr. Stuckey on behalf of all the employees of the post office in Canada, and asked to be put on the same basis as clerks in the inside service.

Mr. Stuckey gives notice that he will move for the consideration of the Imperial government and the Canadian government in reference to the purchase of hay, oats, and other goods, horses, etc.

A Macdonald telegram was received from Hon. Mr. Stuckey today in the House of Commons, which reads: "The cable reads: 'Lizard, March 30, 1903.—Greetings, through Marconi, to Hon. Mr. Stuckey, all well.'"

Mr. Stuckey asks how many railway accidents have occurred since October 1 last, and whether the government has caused them to be investigated?

Lord Strathcona asks that the War office are asking for orders for 200,000 tons of compressed mutton.

The House spent a quiet day, but discussed many subjects. The principal topic was the redistribution of the House of Commons. The government refused to give any information, and threw out Mr. Monk's motion by 69 to 25.

Mr. Borden will bring up the question again.

The Kootenay Central Railway bill got its second reading today.

Macdonald's second bill was read a second time and referred to the railway committee.

The redistribution bill is promised for tomorrow.

Several members will oppose Mr. Costigan's home rule motion.

Fuller details of the redistribution, than that already published are as follows:

The redistribution in British Columbia is as follows:

Victoria city, one member.

Vancouver city, South Vancouver, North Vancouver and Moodyville, one member.

All the balance of the present Burrard district with Comox and Alberni, one member.

Kootenay, comprising East and West Kootenay, one member.

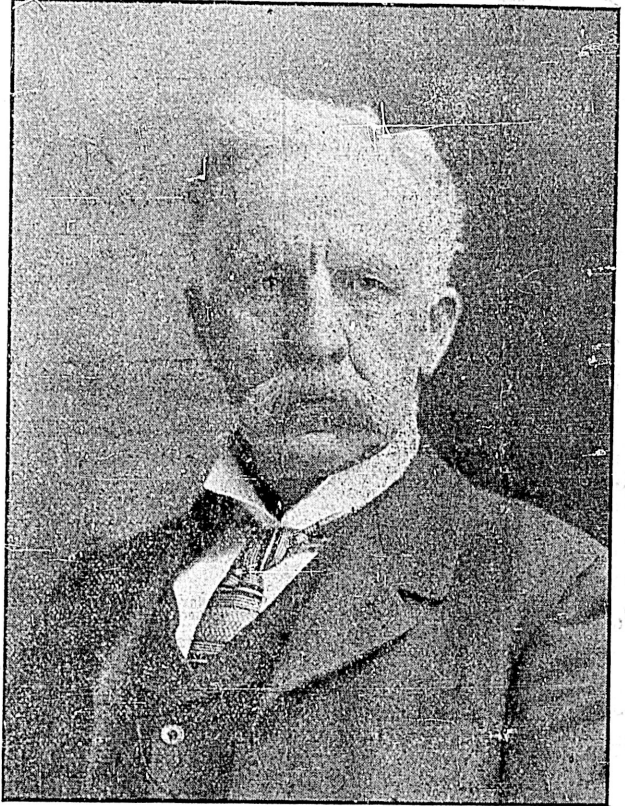
Yale and Cariboo, one member.

New Westminster, to include the village of Yale, one member.

The remainder of Vancouver island, not included as above, one member, to be called Nanaimo district.

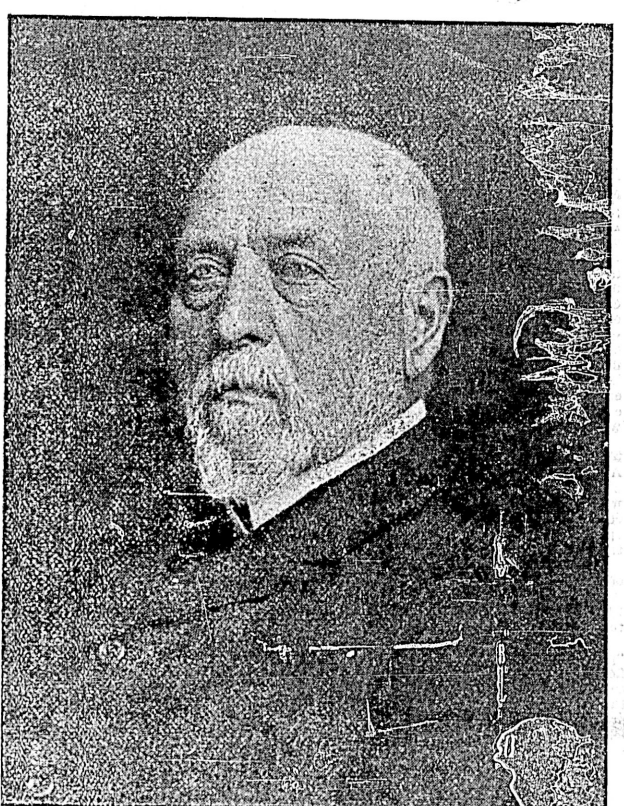
The new district comprising portions of Vancouver island and Mainland to which the member taken from Victoria will be added will probably be called Comox-Atlin district.

With two important exceptions the boundaries of the new districts have been made to conform to the boundaries of the new provincial electoral districts.



JOHN KEEN

President Provincial Mining Association, Chairman of Fernie Strike Conciliation Committee.



HON. D. W. HIGGINS

Second Vice-President Provincial Mining Association.

the expiration of April 1, 1905, either party can, by giving 60 days' notice in writing to the other, terminate this agreement, provided that in the event of the company being able to secure an advance in the price for its commodity over that at present prescribed by the government, viz., \$2 for run of mine coal, the attached schedules shall be open for revision and adjustment in accordance with the terms of this agreement. It is understood and agreed that there shall be no discrimination by the company for by the men between representatives of labor organizations and non-representative organization.

Article 3. That the company will deliver all timbers as near the working place as possible, or at the mouth of the room.

Article 4. The company will pay the wages of one man on the day McIntyre is being moved; in the event of two miners working together this will be interpreted as meaning the wages of a miner at schedule rate; in the event of a miner and back hand working together, shall be interpreted as meaning the wage of the back hand as per attached schedule, the company to lay one rail from the frog, after which the miner is to carry on his tracks in consideration of 30 cents being paid for each and every lineal yard of double track laid by the miner.

Article 5. That one man shall have only one place and only one shift in such place, it being understood that this article refers only to gangways, rooms and crosscuts, after levels are finished from slopes or inclines to accommodate cars, the said gangway or level to be turned over to the other men, in the event of the contractor on the incline or slope desiring such gangway or level, to have preference.

Article 6. The company will meet the committee of any local to discuss any grievance. Failing the adjustment of difficulties so presented, will meet the executive of the district, provided that in all cases the personnel of the different committees be made up entirely of employees of the company. Any communication received by officials of the company from the secretary of the different locals or of the executive district secretary, will receive the courtesy due, and reply thereto will be forwarded.

Article 7. That the company are unwilling to change the system adopted for single shift system, eight hours' work, required of all day hands for eight hours' pay. The system as adopted at Coal Creek mines is understood as commencing at the lamp station inside the mine at 7 a. m., a total cessation of work during one half-hour at noon, shift to close at lamp station at 3:30 p. m.

Article 8. That the company will sell a lot or lots to the men at Morrissey in the new townsite, and by the company. The company will, on the conclusion of this agreement between the company and the men, for a term of not less than two years, lease at a reasonable rental a piece of ground at Michel, the two years being understood as referring to the life of this agreement, and not to the lease of premises. The deed and lease shall be granted to a board of trustees appointed by the party of the second part. The term of lease to be agreed upon later.

RATES PAID.
Coal Creek.—In No. 1 mine, the mining rate has been reduced from 60 to 55 cents, while Nos. 2 and 3 mines, the old



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Secretary Provincial Mining Association.

and in No. 3 mine from \$2 to \$1, while the rate for crosscutting between levels in No. 3 has been increased from \$1 a yard to \$1.50. All other yardage rates remain unchanged.

In all the mines of the three camps the rate for timbering will be fixed at \$1 per set, with lagging and centre post when required, all timber and lagging to be delivered by the company as near the workings as possible, and thereafter handled, framed and set by the miner. The following have been increased in wages: Fire boss from \$3.00 to \$3.25; brattice men from \$2.75 to \$3; hoist men from \$2.50 to \$2.75; general outside laborers from \$1.75 to \$1.80.

JERUSALEM SHAKEN.

Holy City Disturbed by an Earthquake of Unusual Violence.

Jerusalem, March 30.—An earthquake of unprecedented violence was experienced here at a quarter to one this morning. The entire population was panic-stricken, but the damage was slight.

demoniacal desire to destroy property was out last night, scratching and cutting plate glass windows. The track of the destructive foot can be traced along Hastings street and down Cordova street to Carroll. He first made a short dash at the plate glass window of Mr. Chroman's store, then missed several windows until he came to Shelton's. Here he got in his fine work. From the position of the cutting on the window, he was a tall man. He remained long enough here uninterrupted to deface a large portion of the window and utterly destroy its appearance. Passing Stevenson's, he turned long enough to draw a triangle deep into the glass. In the rest of his mischievous trip he appears to have slashed at the windows as he passed, the following stores bearing the marks on their plate glass fronts of his destroying hand: Messrs. Clark & Stuart, Frederick Buscombe, Hammer, Patterson's shoe store, McDowell, Atkins & Watson, corner Cordova and Cambie streets, Drysdale, Iac, J. D. McGregor, J. A. Clarke, J. D. Stuart, McClelland & McFeeley, Tea & Coffee Co., John & Kerfoot, Donaldson & Matheson, Ross & Co., Fire & Hunter, P. Mills, Val Wood Vallance and Leggett.

As a result of the visit of Mr. T. C. Livingston, son of Mr. Stuart Livingston, of this city, it is probable that branches of the Imperial Loan & Investment Company of Toronto, and the Canadian Provident Life Insurance Company of Toronto, will be established in this city and Victoria. Mr. Livingston is president of both these companies, and is in the city with a view of looking over the situation. Mr. Wilson will leave for Victoria today, and will spend a day at the Capital before returning East.

The teamsters' strike was critically near a settlement on Saturday night. But two men stood in the way—teamsters who had not gone out when the strike was called—employees of Messrs. Gross and McNeill. The master draymen promised these men that they would stand by them no matter what occurred. Now the strikers offer to go back if these men are dismissed, and the master draymen say "No."

And still again another strike is threatened. The Builders' Exchange recently decided to grant the request of the carpenters for an eight-hour day at 40 cents an hour. Now they have decided that resolution and informed the carpenters that the former schedule would be in force. The carpenters spoken to say that no further effort will be made to secure their demands, but if they are not conceded to on April 1, the builders must take the consequences. Vancouver's expert thief again operated at his usual hour Sunday morning. This is the third time he has made his rounds in defiance of the police, and by this time is able to calculate a weekly income in watches and money. He operates in spite of the vigilance of the all-night clerks and detectives, and it always on Sunday morning. He has visited several hotels twice, but yesterday took in the Hovey block, where many team car conductors sleep. One of them, a victim, saw him in the hall, but took him for a roomer. He secured some watches and a quantity of money. In his three trips he has cleaned up about \$200, a dozen gold and silver watches, and razors, a rifle and other articles, which he no doubt disposes of in Seattle.

RISE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION

Two Thousand All-British Colonist With Much Money For Canada.

London, March 30.—Steamship Lake Manitoba, which sails tomorrow from Liverpool, takes 1,800 of the first contingent of all-British colonists destined for Saskatchewan. Rev. Mr. Barr accompanied the party already gone, and will await the present party at Winnipeg. The colonists themselves take with them everything necessary for sustenance. Two thousand one hundred and twenty-five have been transferred from England to Canada, and \$2,500,000 transferred from English to Canadian banks. Not one foreigner is included in the first contingent, which consists of 920 single men and 350 families. The party consists of agriculturists and many mechanics from agricultural and manufacturing counties, Yorkshire and Lancashire.

BURIAL OF SIR HECTOR.

The Hero of Many Battles Laid to Rest in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, March 30.—The body of Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, who killed himself at the Regina hotel in Paris on Wednesday last, was buried at 10 o'clock this morning in Dean cemetery shortly after the arrival of the London train. About 300 persons were present. The people uncovered as the cortege passed through the streets.

THUNDERER'S FIRST MARCONI

London Times Receives First Regular Wireless Transatlantic Service.

London, March 30.—The Times today publishes its first regular Marconi wireless message, being two despatches from the Times' own New York correspondent. At 10 o'clock this morning there are asking when the Canadian service is to begin and what benefit Canada is to get for its Marconi subsidy when New York is thus given preference in messages sent.

KING HONORS CANADA.

His Majesty Entertains Dominion Peers at Buckingham Palace.

Montreal, March 30.—The Star's London cable says: Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen dined Saturday with King Edward at Buckingham Palace. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught and a distinguished company were present.

EYESIGHT

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35 FORT STREET

Message To Mislead Men

Notification Sent From Fernie to the Miners at Nanaimo.

Bad Business and Epidemic of La Grippe Causes Much Gloom.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Nanaimo, March 30.—The following official telegram from T. B. Craig, secretary of the Fernie Union to T. J. Hutton, secretary of the Nanaimo Union, both of the Western Federation of Miners, was received this evening:

"No settlement in sight. Tell men not to move."

The latter sentence refers to the fact that a number of men proposed leaving Ladysmith and Nanaimo, for the Crow's Nest as soon as the troubles there are over.

The third week of the Ladysmith trouble shows no change in the situation and the hope expressed during its earlier portion that it would not conclude without some effort being made to put an end to the deadlock existing has borne no fruit. The business men have held one or two meetings, but have not arrived at any decision of their future course nor have they resolved upon a collective effort in the form of an appeal to either or both of the principals. There has been some talk among the men of sending a deputation to Mr. Hutton, and this possibly will be the next development. The matter was discussed at length at a mass meeting held Saturday afternoon, but no very definite arrangement was reached. Strict security was observed, and so far no reliable information has been obtained from the town is steadily emptying itself, and the full meaning of the situation is being borne in on those who remain. The disposition to enjoy the period of idleness which was so very noticeable during the early part of the strike has disappeared, and dullness and gloom have settled over the place which makes the atmosphere somewhat depressing to the visitor. The preparations to close the mines are too marked to be overlooked, and the necessity taken into account by the population who are engaged in the endless and unprofitable task of sizing up the situation after day and extracting less and less comfort from the process.

The feeling of depression already mentioned extends to Nanaimo where the month drawing to a close has been one of the worst from a business standpoint for many years. This results in part from the closing down of the Ladysmith mines as the Ladysmith pay day was only less important to Nanaimo storekeepers than the Nanaimo pay day, and in part from the cessation of operations here in February which resulted in the loss of about 6,000 tons of coal, scarcely a fifth of the usual quantity. To add to the general gloom an epidemic of grippe has swept the city, entering almost every home, reducing the working force in the mines, and affecting and preventing every other activity. There is scarcely a business house which is not understaffed, the benches at the public schools are almost half vacant, and an occasional procession to the cemetery up the hill is the only sight that is not associated with merely the discomforts and inconveniences of a few days' sickness.

The humors of a case of conjugal infidelity which found its way into the police court have caused some little amusement locally. One striking man, residing at Ladysmith, married a sixteen-year-old girl recently, whom he decked with gold chains and jewelry to the limit of his purse. A day or two ago the bride eloped with a Bon Juan, a local boy, and the police were notified and the couple put up at the Globe hotel, where they were found by the infuriated husband, who, by the way, was more concerned about the loss of his trinkets than the loss of the girl herself. With the aid of the police he managed to get his goods and chattels back and also to have his hated rival locked up. Then he devoted himself to his lady fair with such success that she consented to return to his room. Meanwhile, the husband, in jail and fixed in very little. When he appeared in the court room he astonished the magistrate by asking him who was going to pay him his \$5.00 a day for lost time. He was promptly assured that his lost time was not his property, and without compensation. Eventually he was discharged on promising to restrict his affections to eligible ladies.

The Ladysmith Leader announces that it has suspended publication until the termination of the present trouble. It is feared that the Leader is only the first of a number of business houses which will close their doors in quick succession unless work is rapidly resumed.

STRIKING CLERK FINED.

Winnipeg Magistrate Makes C. P. R. Employee Pay for Foolishness.

Winnipeg, March 30.—After hearing further evidence in the case of William C. Gundy, one of the striking C. P. R. freight clerks, at the court this morning, Magistrate Baker found the defendant guilty of unlawfully deserting his employment, and sentenced him to pay the costs of the court.

HON. SIFTON IN LONDON.

Arrived Yesterday and Will Assist Foreign Office Prepare Case.

Montreal, March 30.—The Star's London cable says: "Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, arrived today in London. The Alaska commission, which is to hold its sittings in London, is not expected to meet for some months yet. Mr. Sifton has been instructed to assist the Foreign Office in preparing the British case to go before the tribunal."

"It is announced that the example of the Morgan trust has led the Cunard and Allan lines to enter into a working arrangement to make passenger tickets interchangeable for return from New York and London by Cunard line, and from Montreal and Quebec by the Allan line in summer, and from St. John and Halifax in winter. The arrangement applies to both saloon and second cabin passengers."

E. & J. Burke's Three Star Old Irish Whiskey

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CARPENTERS' STRIKE.

New York, March 30.—Two hundred carpenters' helpers engaged in the erection of status and bleachers on the new grounds of the American League baseball teams, struck today. They claim they were to receive \$2, but got only \$1.50 daily.

WANT TO RE-ELECT DIAZ.

Mexicans Hold Mass Meetings Favoring ex-President.

Mexico City, March 30.—Largely attended mass meetings are being held in various states of the republic to promote the candidacy of President Diaz for re-election. At meetings held in Chihuahua, Colima, Vera Cruz and other cities resolutions were unanimously adopted commending his administration and asking that he accept the candidacy again.

FIGHTING IN DOMINGO.

Revolutionists Making Good Headway and Have Surrounded Capital.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, March 30.—A serious engagement took place Saturday between the Dominican government troops and the revolutionary forces at Juan Calvo, near the town of Bajabon. The losses on the government side were 20 killed and 42 wounded, while the revolutionists lost five killed and 11 wounded. The telegraph line is interrupted beyond Cap-Haitien. It is rumored here that the government troops have surrounded the capital, Santo Domingo, and that a battle is imminent.

LABOR OMNIA VINCIT.

Fernie, B. C., March 30.—The efforts of the Provincial Miners' Association of British Columbia, have been crowned with success. A strike has been declared off, and a contract for two years signed this evening between the company and the Western Federation of Miners at Fernie, and they will now return to work.

JOHN KEEN, Chairman.

GERMAN'S IDEA OF DEWEY'S SHIPS

Maneuvers Generally Childish And Result In Much Newspaper Glory

Berlin, March 30.—The Foreign Office here is fully satisfied with the explanations Admiral Dewey made to President Roosevelt regarding the intercepting of the German fleet which appeared recently in a New York, N. Y., paper, and in which the German navy and the German Emperor were mentioned. No communication on the subject has passed between the Foreign Office and the German embassy at Washington, because the official version from the beginning felt certain that if Admiral Dewey had been correctly reported, the government of the United States would do everything proper on its own initiative without any reminder from here. Count von Reventlow, in the Tagblatt today, compares the German and American navies. He says Germany's first squadron is homogeneous and always ready for instant service. "It could," he adds, "smash Dewey's heterogeneous assemblage, which had not a single modern armored cruiser."

ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

King and Queen to Sojourn in Emerald Isle This Summer.

London, March 30.—It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

ERIE TRAIN WRECKED.

Corry, Pa., March 30.—The Erie railway fast Cleveland train which left here at 9 o'clock, was wrecked at Corry, six miles west of this city. Two coaches jumped the track, and Mrs. C. T. Hennessy, of New York, was slightly injured. Others are suffering from shock, cuts and bruises.

C. P. R. FAST SERVICE.

Special Makes 72 Miles per Hour Between Toronto and Montreal.

London, Ont., March 30.—A special train from Toronto to Windsor station, over the C. P. R., Saturday, made the run of 228 miles in four hours and three minutes, or an average of 57 miles an hour, the fastest time on record between these two points. In sections the train attained a speed of 72 miles an hour.

AMERICAN INDEMNITY.

Shanghai, March 30.—The bankers' commission met today and declined to forward the American silver indemnity bond for signature by the Chinese representatives, on the ground that the terms of the bond were inconsistent with the commission's previous declaration regarding the indemnity. All the viceroys and governors in China have now united in a protest against the payment of the indemnity in gold. They declare that the sources of taxation are exhausted, and that further extortion will impoverish the people, tend to excite revolt, and hamper trade.

NOVIPIATE BURNED.

Establishment Near St. Hyacinthe Goes Up in Smoke.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., March 30.—The brotherhood's novipiate, located in this city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire, which is supposed to have originated from an overheated furnace, was not discovered until it had obtained considerable headway. All the inmates were sleeping at the time, and were awakened by the smoke. They were compelled to use the fire escapes to save themselves, and to leave in their night clothes. The building was completely burnt recently, and was valued at \$15,000. It was insured for \$20,000.

New Canadian Transcontinental

Mackenzie & Mann Absorbing Smaller Lines to Complete System.

Ontario Opposition Postpone Debate on Speech From Throne.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, March 30.—President William Mackenzie and Canadian Northern railway has gone to Montreal, Quebec and Halifax. During the trip Mr. Mackenzie will complete plans for the absorption of several Nova Scotia and New Brunswick roads as part of the Mackenzie & Mann transcontinental road. He will also approve of plans for connecting these Eastern railways at Quebec with the Great Northern, and complete arrangements for an interchange of freight and passenger traffic with the Dominion Atlantic line.

It was decided at today's session of the legislature, in response to a request from Mr. Whitney, that the debate on the Speech from the Throne stand over until after the investigation into the Gamay charges, as the opposition did not know what they might want to say to His Honor in reply.

One of the tellers in the head office of the Imperial Bank here was dismissed about a week ago on the discovery of a shortage in his accounts of \$2,000.

Toronto Junction, March 30.—The G. T. R. station was discovered on fire about 11 o'clock tonight. The East end, in which the conductors' instruments, office records, etc., was badly wrecked. The building was of wood and of little value.

Hon. Mr. Ros announced today that the commission to Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge to investigate the Gamay charges had received the signature of Sir Oliver Mowat. The commission will meet this week to make arrangements, but no evidence will be heard until next week.

FRENCH AUTHOR ATTACKED.

Lady Fires Two Shots on Streets of Paris but Provost Unharmed.

Paris, March 30.—Considerable stir was created here this afternoon by the news of an attempt to shoot the well known novelist, Marcel Provost. It appears that as M. Provost was entering the offices of the Society of Men of Letters in the Rue Rouette, when the election of officers for the coming year was about to be held, a stylishly dressed young lady, whose name was afterwards given as Emma Tourret, rushed quickly from a carriage and fired two shots at Provost, at the same time calling him by name, but both shots missed, and the lady was about to fire a third when M. Provost disarmed her and endeavored to calm her. She was taken in custody and explained that she had known M. Provost in Lyons, in the time ago. She wanted to avenge herself for a wrong, but did not intend to kill him. She was afterwards set at liberty. It is stated that the lady's brother vainly tried to force a duel on M. Provost. M. Provost was elected president of the Society of the Men of Letters at the election which followed the shooting affair.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

Personnel of New Body Announced in Montreal Last Night.

Montreal, March 30.—Speaking at the Laurier Club tonight, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine announced that the Transportation Commission to be appointed by the government would consist of Sir William Van Horne, George Bertram of Toronto, and Herbert Kennedy of Quebec. J. N. Perrault of Montreal, and Mr. Bell of Ottawa would be secretaries. He also stated that if the tariff was not revised at the present session, that during the coming year a committee of members of the government would take evidence regarding tariff reduction with a view to such revision. The third announcement of interest was that the Grand Trunk railway would have a Canadian Atlantic port.

GEN. BOOTH'S RETURN.

Albert Hall, Crowded from Floor to Dome, Gives Rousing Welcome.

London, March 30.—London accorded General Wm. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, a great welcome home at the Albert Hall tonight. The immense auditorium was packed from floor to roof. There was not a vacant seat in the building, which has a capacity of 9,000 persons, and in spite of the rainy night, the seats were turned away. The audience included Sir Edward Clark, Sir George Newnes, Lady Pender, Lady Murray, seven metropolitan mayors and mayoresses, H. H. Asquith, and a number of other while two boxes were filled with members of the House of Commons.

While two boxes were filled with members of the House of Commons, Ambassador Choate and other guests of prominence who were unable to attend sent messages of regret.

JEALOUS HUSBAND KILLED.

Visitor Thrown Out Shoots Assaultant With Fatal Effect.

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A SCOTCH MERGER.

London, March 30.—Final arrangements are being made at Glasgow today to amalgamate 13 Scotch Malleable iron firms with a capital of \$6,000,000.

STOCK GAMBLER SUICIDES.

New York, March 30.—Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, a widow 40 years of age, shot and killed herself today in her apartments. Despondency over the loss of \$30,000 in the stock market is supposed to have been the cause. Friends found her dead in bed.

RIOTS IN CROATIA.

Juda Pest, March 30.—According to advices from Agram, capital of Croatia Slavonia, riots broke out there this evening, and the entire garrison was called out to clear the streets. The trouble, which has been simmering for some days past, arises from the agitation of the Croian students against the use of the Hungarian and German languages. There were a hundred students arrested in the course of the day.

GUATEMALA AND SALVADOR.

Washington, March 30.—United States Minister Combes, at Guatemala, cabled the State Department today, that the presidents of Guatemala and San Salvador have had an interview, and as a result the conditions are so much improved that the minister regards the danger of war as ended. The United States consul at San Juan del Norte cables that another revolution has broken out in Nicaragua, but he gives no details.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Victoria Albert Willey and Alice Sarimont, both of Seattle, were married yesterday afternoon by Canon Beaudry at the cathedral. Bishop Ferris will give the last of the series of Bible readings in the cathedral this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Home Nursing Society will hold its regular meeting on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the City Hall.

TO INVESTIGATE SHOOTING.

Washington, March 30.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, P. O. Quarles, Charles W. Va., attorney for the West Virginia Mine Workers, and Christopher Evans, one of the mine leaders talked with the President today regarding the recent shooting of strikers by deputy marshals at Stanford, W. Va. They requested that a very thorough investigation be made of the affair. The President took the matter under advisement.

BRIDGE BUILDERS' STRIKE.

New York, March 30.—According to the officers of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, there is a possibility that the strike of structural iron workers against the American Bridge Company may eventually throw 200,000 persons out of employment throughout the country. President Buchanan and Secretary Johnson, of the association, attended the meeting of the Central Federated Union today and talked about the strike.

"We will fight until we win," President Buchanan said.

"We have the work of the companies tied up, as far as Canada is concerned, and word has come from California that the unions there have fallen in line."

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STRATFORD—In this city, on the 29th inst., the wife of F. C. Stratford, 221 Michigan street, of a son.

DIED.

MOHUN—At Tunbridge Wells, England, on the 7th inst., Maria, eldest daughter of the late John Mohun, Esq., of Blackheath, Kent, and sister of Edward Mohun, of this city.

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Time Table No. 47. Effective March 25th, 1903.

Northbound.		Southbound.	Northbound.	Est. Sun.	South-
Leave.	Daily.	Arrive	Leave.	& Wed.	bound.
	A.M. <td><td>P.M.<td><td>Arrive</td></td></td></td>	<td>P.M.<td><td>Arrive</td></td></td>	P.M. <td><td>Arrive</td></td>	<td>Arrive</td>	Arrive
Victoria	9:00	12:00		P.M.	
Shawuigan Lake	10:20	10:40	Victoria	4:25	8:20
Duncan	11:00	10:02	Shawuigan Lake	4:45	7:10
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Duncan	4:45	6:24
Nanaimo	P.M.	8:20	Ladysmith	4:55	
Ar. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00	Nanaimo	5:10	
			Ar. Wellington	5:17	Lv. 4:45

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Calers Arrive From Honolulu

Members of Crew of the Geneva Return by the Steamer Queen.

Wreckage Found on Coast May Be From the Ancona—Empress Due.

Steamer Queen, which reached port on Sunday afternoon after making a very fast passage from the Golden Gate, brought among her passengers eight of the crew of the sealing schooner Geneva, which left Victoria in command of Capt. D. L. Jones, on January 11th, on a sealing cruise to the coast, and which was contained at Honolulu, when she put into that port in distress. The returned sealers told of a trying voyage, for in the Gulf of the Hebrides, where the vessel lost an anchor, and after passing out of the Straits she ran into a heavy gale and sprung a leak, which resulted in the men being kept at the pumps in efforts until Honolulu was reached. When in the trade of Honolulu a series of heavy gales were encountered, and the schooner broke her main beam with a list, and leaking considerably, she put into Honolulu, where a marine board surveyed her, and as a result she was condemned. Capt. William Grant, manager of the Sealing Company, went south on the steamer Ancona, arriving at San Francisco on Sunday, it is unlikely that the schooner will be brought back to Victoria. The story of the desertion of the seven men of Oahu has been told. Four of the men were arrested, and all have since been released. Some shipped on other vessels and two others, including Hutcheson, secured good employment at the island port.

The Queen brought 189 passengers all told and 120 tons of general freight, 125 tons of which was landed at the Outer wharf. The steamer was 47 hours and a half from San Francisco, and 48 hours from Honolulu. Capt. Cousins was in command after being ashore some time in San Francisco.

British Vessel Rammled by the City of Seattle Comes for Repairs.

The British ship Rangleh, which brought general cargo to the port and was damaged by the collision with the City of Seattle, which was damaged by the collision with the Rangleh, is being repaired at the Victoria shipyard. The Rangleh was damaged by the collision with the City of Seattle, which was damaged by the collision with the Rangleh. The Rangleh was damaged by the collision with the City of Seattle, which was damaged by the collision with the Rangleh.

Shipping Men Believe Finding of Wreckage Indicates Mishap to Her.

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I mean that exactly. If you say the results are not what I claim, I don't expect a penny from you. I have no samples. Any mere sample that can effect chronic rheumatism must be drugged to the verge of danger. I use no such drugs, and it is folly to take them. You must get the disease out of the blood.

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And notice is hereby given that after the last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and that the executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 26th day of March, 1930.

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THE ONTARIO CRISIS.

The Gagey charges are to be tried by a Royal Commission. The complexity of other members of the cabinet with Mr. Stratton is not to come under investigation, neither are the allegations made by other members that attempts were made to improperly influence them to support the government. The issue has been narrowed to the direct complexity of Mr. Stratton in the bribing of Mr. Gagey, and the rules of evidence will be strictly invoked to protect Mr. Stratton. It was alleged during the debate in the Ontario legislature that the terms of the commission had been submitted to the lawyers engaged to defend Mr. Stratton, before being brought down in the House, and the allegation was not denied. Doubtless it was a most improper action if such was the case. We do not see that it matters very much however. Suppose the proof of Mr. Stratton's direct complexity did break down, in the limited sense of not justifying a verdict of guilty, the public would nevertheless revise the verdict of the judges and form its own judgment upon the evidence, corroboratory and direct, which Mr. Gagey is able to produce, and upon that revised verdict the government will stand or fall. Mr. Stratton might thus be relieved of legal penalty, but the government would not be relieved of the necessity of surrendering its existence to the outraged sense of decency of the people. So far as the political results of Mr. Gagey's disclosures are concerned, it does not very much matter how his evidence is produced, and we should imagine that the political results are those with which the people are mainly concerned. What people want is his evidence, and they will deal with the government on the strength of it. If they get the evidence before this commission so much the better, if they do not get it before this commission, they must get it some other way. One thing occurs to us, namely, that the exoneration of Mr. Stratton before a commission such as has just been constituted, is not the logical conclusion of the Gagey charges, yet that is the best the Ontario government can hope for. Would not such a result make it essential to place Mr. Gagey in some way in the position of a defendant, where the same privileges and protection now accorded to Mr. Stratton would necessarily be granted him? The issue placed before the commission might be so narrowed down that the only direct evidence available is the oath of Mr. Gagey, backed by a large amount of corroborative evidence not permitted to be produced, and the only rebuttal the oath of Mr. Stratton, backed by such circumstances as he added in his own favor. If this were sufficient to exonerate Stratton, it would be equally sufficient to exonerate Gagey, yet the real issue between them is that one or other must go, and that is the issue that will be taken by the public without any reference to the limitations of the Commission. Very few people have any doubt as to the existence of corruption in its grossest form in the policies of Ontario. Very few people have any doubt that the benefit of that corruption has been received by the government now in power. And unless public opinion in Ontario is wholly corrupt, or rendered blind by partisan prejudice, the ultimate verdict will not be obscured by any legal technicalities.

AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.

In most of the states of the American Union a pretty constant agitation is kept up for civil service reform, and the making of civil service positions depend upon merit and not upon political "pull." This agitation has its moorings. Occasionally it reaches such a height that action is almost taken upon it, and then again it subsides and no action is actually taken. The agitation is based upon the theory that the people want civil service reform, but that groups of politicians operating political machines prevent the wishes of the people from being embodied in the legislation or other actions of the members of their so-called representative assemblies. The theory which is opposed to this is that in United States politics the politicians are not fighters for any particular end, but simply professional experts at finding out what the people want, and at maintaining their own power by giving them what they want. As civil service theory is correct, as civil service patronage at any rate, is likely to be tested in the State of Illinois. A bill providing for civil service reform has been introduced and passed, but with this rider that the people are to directly declare by means of the referendum whether they desire such a bill or not. The remarkable thing about the matter is that the civil service reformers have almost without exception raised an outcry against the direct submission of the issue to the vote of the people. There is no dispute as to the merit of the Bill from their point of view, nor as to the fairness of the referendum contained in the referendum clause. They object on general principles. Yet why? Civil service reformers, and nearly all other reformers, abuse the politicians, and declare that they themselves in a peculiar way represent the people. Yet here they are given a plain appeal to the people on the one question of all others upon which their differences with the politicians are most acute, objecting most strenuously. They may argue that the politicians are able to control the people against their best interests, even to the extent of controlling their votes. But if the power of the politicians rests in the people's vote, how can reformers of any kind reform anything except by destroying that power at its source. No man, or group of men, afraid of the people in whom the power rests in modern democratic days, can ever accomplish anything. Those who wish to abate political or other abuses must inform and educate the popular mind, and teach it to hate those abuses also. When they have accomplished that, the chances are they will find the politicians working with them, and not against them.

THE FERNIE SETTLEMENT.

We hope we are justified in thinking that the labor trouble at Fernie has been definitely and conclusively settled. We confess that our inability to follow the different phases of this most extraordinary of all strikes is only equalled by our inability to understand why such a strike was ever entered upon by any body of rational working men. There appears in the first place to have been no disposition on the part of the company to meet its employees through representative committees, and certainly some of the grievances complained of were in process of being remedied at the very time the strike took place. It was not really a strike, but a "walk-out," not preceded by any demands for redress, and not continued by any tenable reasons for not returning to work. The men have had public opinion against them, they have had well known labor leaders against them, and they have had representative men in the labor organization of which they are themselves a part against them. All that pressure has been just sufficient to get them to go back to work. Either those men have been suffering under conditions which they lack the power to describe, but which are nevertheless grievous, or they are irresponsible members of society to a very dangerous degree who take a delight in social war apart from weighty reasons justifying or excusing it. In either case they are, or have been, a menace to the peace and prosperity of the country. We do not know what proportion of Southern Europeans are employed at Fernie, but we have a difficulty in believing that Canadian, American, or English working men could ever have conducted their affairs in such a disordered fashion as the miners there apparently have done. The character of working men is a very important factor both in their own welfare and in the welfare of their employers. The Fernie miners have not shown very favorably in this respect, unless the reports cause us to do them a grave injustice. But we sincerely hope that both the Crow's Nest Coal Company and the miners will live up loyally to both the letter and the spirit of the agreement they have signed, and that lasting peace will be the result.

CONTROL OF RAILWAY RATES.

It is very doubtful whether Mr. Blair's commission, even if it is intended to, will actually be able to control railway rates. The only effective control of rates which can be devised must be based on the capitalization of the railway companies. One hundred dollars worth of stock to pay a six per cent. dividend must earn six dollars. Two hundred dollars worth of stock to pay the same dividend must earn twelve dollars. If the dividends are earned out of railway profits, then, upon the same business offering, the profit over cost of operation must in the one case be twice as high as in the other. We do not know of any railways that are paying excessive dividends upon their nominal capitalization. But we do know of many railways which are earning very excessive profits upon a capitalization based upon cost of construction. But a railway company can do nothing in such a case, because this condition of affairs has only come about after the stocks have become a vested interest in the hands of innocent purchasers. Most railways have been built upon the discount system of promotion, a very lucrative one provided the railway becomes a profit-earning institution within a reasonable time, but the only means so far devised for procuring the ready money to build railways when there are no dividends in sight. It is a great mistake to imagine that all the water in a railway stock is a theft from the people. A good deal of it is absorbed by the railway itself, while traffic is being built up. A capitalist who invests money in a new road naturally wants something to represent the interest he has to do without for a number of years, and he usually gets what he wants. This system of raising money is open to grave abuses. It has been largely abandoned by governments with whom it used to be much in vogue, but railway promoters cling to it with great persistency. Something might be done to improve it by a railway commission, but to attack the rates which are the direct result of it, is about as futile a proceeding as could well be imagined. If a commission can control the capitalization of a railway per mile it can control rates, but it cannot control rates so long as the capitalization per mile is left absolutely uncontrolled.

JAMES BAY CAUSEWAY.

In two or three days time the Legislature will be again in session, and the quinquennial of brains which constitutes its membership, will be winding its way westward to and fro across that antique structure known as James Bay bridge. It is, therefore, a good opportunity to remind the world at large that it is now some time since the policy of this city was directed towards securing a modern causeway across James Bay, and that this policy seems to have been overtaken by a general decrepitude, of which the present condition of the bridge itself is an apt illustration. It is not fair to our representatives to make them traverse such a structure. If any people in the world require firm ground beneath their feet at all times to keep them from "wobbling" they do. But there is a more serious aspect to the question. There are certain overhanging rocks on a cliff near Edinburgh regarding which there was a tradition that they would fall on the wisest man who ever passed under them. Quite a number of people avoided those rocks on that account. It was not the kind of thing to take unnecessary risks over. But our legislators have practically no option but to cross James Bay bridge, and the risk of the bridge being crushed by sheer weight of intellect, is excessive. Some scoffers are rude enough to say that nobody would be hurt. That if the bridge fell down, it would be better down any way, and that nothing will ever be done to build the causeway till it does fall down, and that if a legislator or two fell with it and stuck in the mud beneath it would merely be a scientific harmonization of their external environment. But these are people of undue levity, and a sneering habit of mind. The members of the legislature should be warned in time, that if they use the bridge they do so at their own risk.

The reports from Dawson concerning the new diggings at Tanana in Alaska continue to be uniformly satisfactory.

It is reported that the St. Eugene mine at Moyle is to resume operations.

A game of chess was played between the passengers of the Eturia and Minnetonka by means of wireless telegraphy when the vessels were seventy miles apart.

The Liberal Associations of Nelson, Kamloops and New Westminster have negatived the proposal of Vancouver's Liberal Association to revive the question of the leadership of the Provincial Liberal party.

Delay in calling together the Yukon council has caused the elected members to threaten to ask the intervention of the Governor-General. The elected members are in a majority on the council.

The cry of hard times has not ceased to echo in Kootenay, but we observe from the news columns of the local press that mines that are mines are working full blast, and that money is being found to develop prospects which have the earmarks of mines.

Our good neighbors in the Northwest Territories had better put their foot down and put it down hard upon the attempts being made by London financial promoters to use Canadian wheat fields as a bait to draw money from the British investors. Wheat is not raised by joint stock companies.

Mr. Whitaker Wright declares himself to be an innocent and much persecuted man. The first natural instinct of an innocent and much-persecuted man would have been to take the first boat back to England and "to face the music." The proceedings in the New York courts do not look as though that was the course Mr. Whitaker Wright intended to adopt.

If the Post Office returns are any criterion of the intelligence of the people, the province of B. C. is certainly to be congratulated as it holds first place per capita. The returns and population by provinces are as follows:

Province	Popul.	P.O. Rev.	Per Cap.
B. C.	177,272	\$ 250,830.54	\$1.46
Manitoba	251,917	\$ 322,000.27	1.26
Ontario	2,182,917	\$ 2,224,550.00	1.11
N. W. Ter.	158,040	136,003.92	.83
Nova Scotia	436,574	353,333.22	.76
New Brun.	331,120	243,182.81	.70
Quebec	1,484,508	1,003,181.58	.62
P. E. I.	103,250	47,843.72	.46

Ontario has 24 senators, Quebec has 24 senators, and so have the Maritime provinces. These sections of Canada have thus 72 out of a possible 82, 82 being the limit. This means that the whole of Canada, outside of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces has but 10 senators. The Maritime provinces have one senator for every 37,000 people; Ontario one for every 30,000; Quebec one for every 65,000, and the West one for every 65,000. The Maritime provinces have evidently too many, but it does not follow that the other portions of Canada have too few. If senators had been worth having, Quebec would have rectified the senatorial incidence long ere now.

United States Government two per cent. bonds stand 17 points higher than British two and three-quarter per cent. consols. It is not the relative value of the two securities which causes this remarkable difference, however, but the competition among the American banks for those bonds. They are obliged to hold them as security for note circulation. Private investors do not dream of putting their money into them. The exceptionally low price of consols, on the other hand, is partly due to the suspension of the Sinking Fund repurchases by the government during the last three years, and partly to the fact that the rate of interest falls from two and three-quarters to two and a half per cent. this spring.

The greatest credit is due to the conciliation committee of the Mining Association for its efforts, now fortunately successful, to bring about a settlement of the Fernie labor trouble. Credit is also due to Colonel Prior who, as usual, did the right thing at the right time, and was quick to see how such a body as the Mining Association could be made use of to improve industrial conditions in British Columbia. The successful outcome of this intervention will do much to restore confidence throughout the province, as it shows that labor disputes are not beyond the governance of a fair-minded and impartial public opinion, when the gravity of the crisis evokes action on the part of such an opinion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE LIBRARY SITE.
Sir,—Will you allow me as one who has championed your opinion regarding suitable location for library, to mention a few reasons for same, and in advocating the site opposite the post office building?
The citizens are asked to vote for the lot on Yates street on account of its presumed roundness of site. But the site is a "character" calculated to impress visitors or satisfy our citizens, consisting as they do for part of a part of a building which is occupied in some cases by Chinamen and dry-goods. The city would have to spend \$200,000 in purchase money. Now, I beg to advance the following advantages in favor of the site by the James Bay government.
1st. The only outlay would be a sum not exceeding \$2,500 for an extra piece in order to house the library.
2nd. This site would always be open on three sides, thereby insuring plenty of light.
3rd. Its admirable location; being contiguous to public buildings, with beautiful view of harbor, etc.
4th. Citizens or visitors would pass a pleasant hour in waiting for arrival of boats or distribution of mail, with view of boats entering the harbor, and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.
5th. The building, when completed, would be an additional attraction to visitors on arriving by boat.

LIFE IN PARAGUAY.

Sir,—In your publication of Feb. 15th you give an account of old tea drinking in Paraguay. Having lived in Paraguay, I am sure that you are not a tea drinker, but a small leaf which is hung up and allowed to dry. Boiling water is poured over it and once it is ready for use. It is pleasant to the taste, and requires no sugar. It is used in the afternoon and evening, and has a soothing effect on the nerves; it induces sleep (it is not a drug); it relieves suffering from nervous headache or sickness, and almost instant relief after drinking one-half pint. It is also good for the stomach, and is a tonic and a boon to many in this country of too much food. The doctors of England are aware of its good qualities. I have often wished I could get it when sick.

PAUL JAMESON.
White Horse, March 23, 1903.

CARNegie LIBRARY.

Sir,—To continue my communication of Saturday, it has been argued that the Yates street library site, is in the centre of a section guaranteeing convenience of access to the place. The building, as planned by the Bishop's Palace, St. Andrew's Cathedral, the Presbyterian church and the

Metropolitan Methodist church. The reporter omits to mention the fact that the Metropolitan church is at the corner of Quadra and Pandora streets, three blocks away, and that the Presbyterian church is two blocks away. He also omits to mention the fact that there are two barrooms only distant the width of the street from this very moral corner, one on the S. E. corner of Yates and Blanshard and one in the Dundas hotel, directly opposite. Really, such arguments are nauseating. Another argument is that the Yates street lot is in the direct path of the children going to the High School. Was ever such nonsense put in print before? Not one out of every fifty pupils of the High School pass that lot, unless they have for some special purpose come out of their way. The majority of High School pupils probably come from every portion of the town except the business part of it. And the business part is the part they would have to come from in order to pass this lot.

It is indeed a weak case that requires bolstering by such false and fatuous arguments as these.
Taking into consideration the very important fact that the bridge lot is already the property of the city at a cost of some \$100,000, that it has, and from its situation always will have, an uninterrupted access of light on three sides, and that it is far more conveniently accessible than the Yates street lot, it would be the height of absurdity to squander some \$40,000 on an inferior site to gratify the vain prejudices of a few people.

CARNegie LIBRARY.

Sir,—It seems to me that the real point at issue with regard to the Carnegie library site has not been sufficiently realized.

Stress has been laid on a passing car line. That is well enough, but it seems that the paramount consideration is a central location in this growing city, with proximity to the greatest number of our citizens as well as accessibility from the public houses. Victoria is not a full-grown city yet by any means. Her new and old citizens from north, south, east and west must have the new library equally within reach.

The corner of Yates and Blanshard streets practically fulfills all the conditions of central location for all time, being within a minute's walk of, and surrounded by car lines to and from every point of the compass. Moreover, the proposed site is actually on the necessary car line extension up Yates street.

The argument that the James Bay site has transfer completed with our James Bay is no more plausible than Mr. Let's be an argument for a site on Beacon Hill, or the Outer wharf. These points have equally good locations.

The choice of the bridge site would be just as inexplicable and under the circumstances, ridiculous.

The architects of the city seem to be unanimous in placing a building on James Bay site, will spoil the architectural beauty of the post office, so we should reserve the city fathers should reserve that small piece of land for a fountain and resting place.

The caterpillars should make no mistake, but place the library on the Yates Street site, and reserve the causeway location for a more appropriate purpose.

COMMON SENSE.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

From Ashcroft Journal.
The death of the 70-Mile Home because of the death of Mr. W. Boyd's eldest daughter, Katie. The deceased was 13 years of age, and succumbed last Monday morning to a lingering illness of about a year. The funeral took place at Clinton on Wednesday. Many friends from all parts of Cariboo and Lillooet districts extended their sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

From Reed Lake Mail.
The school attendance has fallen off owing to a gripple among the children. Yesterday Miss Robinson's room was quarantined for several days, and it is probable the school will be closed for a time owing to the epidemic.

From Nelson News.
Wholesalers report that business is still keeping up well, except in the case of the strike in the Cariboo and Kootenay. The great activity displayed in lumbering operations in East Kootenay accounts for this. The lumber trade is still in good condition for hauling logs, and the lumbermen have been busy for some time in getting in a good stock before soft weather puts an end to the trading.

From Rossland Miner.
A 300-foot section of the Spokane Falls & Northern reached at Hendry cut slid quietly into the river, hopelessly interrupting through traffic. Last night passengers and mail were transferred around the slide. This will be continued until the line is rebuilt. No one seems to know exactly how soon the line can be rebuilt, but it is believed that some weeks may elapse before the company can replace the washed out track.

From Moyle Leader.
The Moyle Lumber Co. have about 8,000,000 feet of logs cut and ready to bring to the mill as soon as the ice breaks up and goes out. They expect to take out about 100,000 feet altogether this winter. The company is preparing for an enormous business this season. The mill is being thoroughly overhauled and enlarged, and everything will be in readiness for starting as soon as the lake is clear. The payroll at the mill will be larger than ever this season.

From Sandon Review.
The Great Western mine near Slocan City was recently sold at auction by order of the court to a syndicate for the sum of \$1,400. At one time the Two Friends company purchased the same property for \$50,000.

From Delta News.
Stevenson is to have a camera that she may well be proud of. It being perhaps the latest camera in the world. The camera is now in course of construction, it is to be named the "Imperial." The camera frontage extends about 350 feet and will contain four large cameras and give employment to about 300 people.

PRESS COMMENT.

There will be much disappointment to concerned people, both business and labor, in the words of President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, addressed to the miners of West Virginia. Undoubtedly the miners are in a bad position, but the miners of the great strike just settled should have brought with them the same P. L.

The most that the Canadians can hope is the appointment of three commissioners on their part who will be immediately committed to the maintenance of the boundary claims over territory never in her possession. Then there will be a division of the side, there is no division at all, which will practically mean the rejection of Canada's claims. Naturally the Canadians do not see much for them in this kind of arbitration.—Providence Journal.

Last year only \$120,000 worth of vegetables were imported into Canada, but this country does not produce them. The market gardeners, following the example of the cotton and the maple, are now growing these products. The majority of these vegetables are brought in before the Canadian-grown ones are on the market, and to place a duty on them would be to burden our own people.—Montreal Herald.

It will be readily conceded by all well-informed and fair-minded people that the Ontario is perhaps the chief sinner among Canadian provinces in the matter of electoral corruption. It has more than any other province a reputation for that evil. Nova Scotia, although probably more free

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Sale Starts Wednesday, See Tomorrow's Paper

For Further Particulars.

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Some people's knowledge consists mostly of things they shouldn't know.

The unexpected happens much less frequently than the expected fails to happen.

Don't get discouraged. Even to the oyster there comes an opening when least expected.

There was once a man who admitted there were others as smart as himself—but he died before the smart.

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Work Ordered

Council Authorizes Comparatively Large Expenditure Urgent Demands.

Numerous Tenders For Water Pipes Referred to Commissioner For Report.

The most important business transacted at yesterday evening's session of the City Council, which, by the way, was characterized by a commendable businesslike alacrity, was the authorization of the commencement of a large amount of necessary street work. The following expenditure bylaw was passed through its final stages.

His Worship Mayor McCandless, and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Yates.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries acknowledged receipt of letter from the Department regarding fishing regulations, no decision of the commission had been considered. Received and filed.

Mr. W. J. Jones, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, wrote asking to give one year's notice before taking over the market building. Referred to the city solicitor.

The Union Publishing Company of Portland, Ore., submitted a proposition for the renumbering of the residences of the city. Referred to the Streets' committee for report.

C. A. Holland, regarding the subdivision of the Douglas estate, requested the removal of a sidewalk on Birdseye Walk and the grading of a street. Referred to Streets' committee for report.

A. W. Jones, on behalf of the Finlayson estate, gave notice of appeal against a sewer rental tax on the subject of the session of the board of revision. J. C. Goldfarb called attention to an overcharge in the sewer rental tax on Store street. This took the case course.

Thos. H. Gordon asked for permission to use a portion of Belleville street opposite his residence as a boulevard. Permission granted under supervision of the city engineer, the latter to report.

B. A. Gallop, of the Fernwood Yacht Club Association, asked further consideration of a resolution forwarded from that body asking for a recreation ground. Referred to the Streets' committee.

Alex. Berg called attention to the grant of Mount Douglas as a public park. It would make a good tourist resort. He proposed the erection of a summer house on the summit so as to permit visitors to view the surrounding scenery, and hoped the council would take some action in that direction. The letter was signed "Alex. Berg, prospective superintendent." Received and filed. The writer to be informed that the city is not in a position to take the matter into consideration.

John Hagerly, re contract for stone for bridge work, complained at the decision of the city engineer to cancel a contract and wanted compensation. Referred to the city solicitor and city engineer for report.

Nelson called attention to the presence of a rock on Linden avenue which he wished removed. Received and filed, the council having taken steps to meet his request.

Christian Sivertz, on behalf of the Trades and Labor council, reported that body having endorsed a proposal to have a board of harbor commissioners. Received and filed.

C. Morley forwarded resolutions passed by the Voters' League. Laid on the table in the absence of Ald. Yates, who has the matter referred to in hand.

W. J. Dowler, city clerk, wrote as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following resolutions have been passed and referred to the City Engineer for report, viz:

1. That the city engineer be authorized to make a survey of the city and to report thereon.

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EXHIBITION OF SCHOOL WORK

Product of Pupils of Public Schools to Be Shown at Market Building.

The exhibition of the work of the pupils of city schools, which is being arranged to take place at the city market building, will be opened on Friday evening next. The exhibits which will be placed on the walls of the market buildings upstairs, and which will completely cover the walls of the galleries and rooms of the upper part of the civic building, will include all sorts of school work. All the exhibits are to be the work of the pupils, and unlike the usual exhibition, the exhibits will not compete for the work of the brightest pupils, but will include the work of all the pupils—the bad with the good. Every branch, including the exhibits of the manual training course, is represented, and a large class of boys at work at their benches, will be placed on display. There will be modelling in clay, brush drawing, etc.—a room being set apart for the manual training exhibit. The city schools will have a large display of the work of pupils trained by those teachers who took the summer classes in manual training under Mr. Dunne. Twenty-five teachers took this course, map-drawing, penmanship, bookbinding, arithmetic, music, history and classical maps, kindergarten work, with its paper cutting and folding, cardboard cutting, etc.—in fact all branches of school work will be shown. Every child's work will be placed on view. On the ground floor during the evening exhibitions of drill, calisthenics and light gymnastics—another part of the school work will be shown. The hall will be available on Thursday afternoon from the time of the closing of schools. The exhibition will commence on Friday evening, and will be open on Saturday afternoon. No entrance fee will be charged.

NIGGER MINSTRELS

Royal Artillery Give a Very Successful Entertainment.

The bigger minstrel show given last night at the Racket Courts at the Work Point barracks, was a grand success, and went off without a hitch. The time of the members of the Royal Artillery Dramatic Club are to be congratulated on the successful issue of their past taking efforts to give an event that will live long in the memory of those that were present.

The first part of the programme consisted of a medley of songs and jokes. Some of the latter were extremely funny, and provoked much merriment. In the second some extremely comical songs were sung, and a difficult to single out any particular one for praise, as all are very clever. The evening of fun and merriment was brought to a close by a very effective and beautiful illustration of the British Lion when it is roared.

The performance will be repeated again this evening, and will be exclusively for civilians. The curtain rises at 8 p. m. sharp.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 30.—Hopes of a rise in prices of stocks today as a result of a favorable bank statement of Saturday, were disappointed. The opening dealings proved that the Sunday interval had resulted in an accumulation of selling orders from various points. Apparently the banks were not calling loans but many brokers sent out orders to their customers for additional margin, and increased demand for call money which result ran the rate up late in the day to 8 per cent. The hope that the corner in the money market had been lifted by the comparative ease normal to the April period, thus brought into immediate prospect, was seen to be without warrant, and discounts were thrown overboard again all through the day. The decline in the first hour was not acute except in a few stocks and there was a very gradual recovery in the afternoon, but the market fell into almost complete stagnation at the high level, offering no encouragement for the bidding up of stocks.

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